

Region at a Glance



Highlights by 2018, All Occupations

- Total projected employment
-216,499
- Total openings*
-58,870
- Most employed occupation
-Registered Nurses, 9,665
- Fastest growing occupation
-Network Systems and Data Communications Analysts, 50.2% more positions
- Occupation with most total openings*
-Registered Nurses, 3,290
- Occupation with highest median annual wage
-Natural Sciences Managers, \$138,009

*Openings are growth and replacement

Top Industries

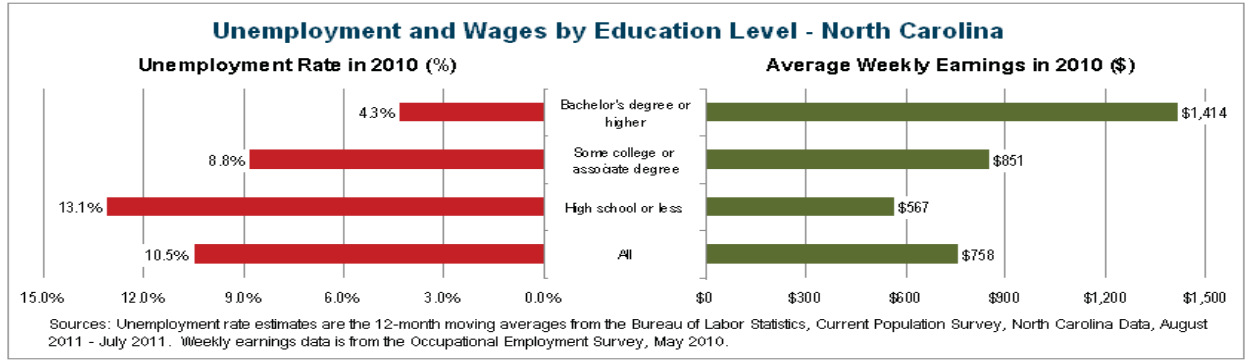
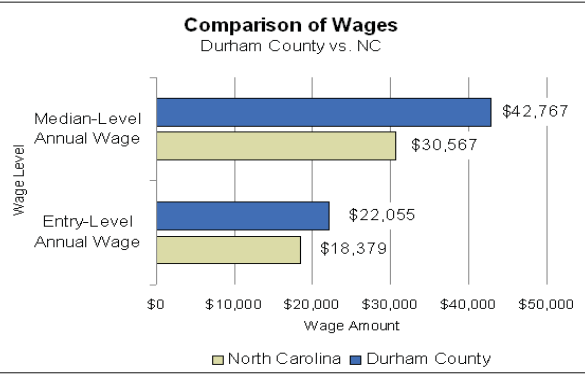
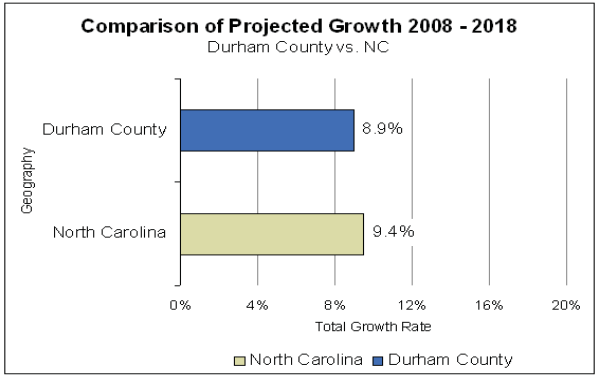
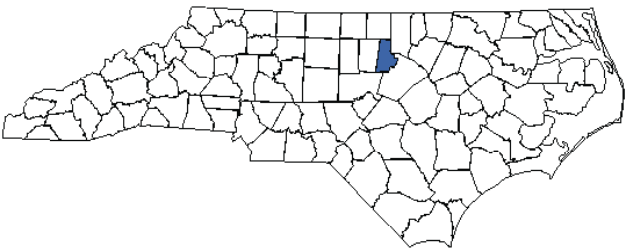
Industry	Total Employment	Annual Growth Rate
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	23,900	↑↑↑↑
Hospitals	25,650	↑↑↑
Ambulatory Health Care Services	5,600	↑↑↑↑
Educational Services	20,500	↑↑
Securities, Commodity Contracts, and Other Financial Investments and Related Activities	2,560	↑↑↑↑

¹Scored as the average of the ranks for total employment in 2018, the growth rate between 2008-2018, and the net openings.

²Net openings are the difference between the 2018 and 2008 estimates.



The Durham Workforce Development Region is comprised of Durham County.



Note: The occupational projections presented in this brochure were produced by the North Carolina Department of Commerce, Division of Employment Security, under guidelines and procedures defined by the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics. The accuracy of projections for individual occupations can be affected by unforeseen events occurring in the economy over the 10-year projection period; therefore, these projections should not be used as a sole source of decision-making information. For questions or more information, go to <http://www.ncesc1.com/lmi/> or email esc.lmi.inquiries@ncesc.gov.

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Top Jobs

Accountants and Auditors

Prepare, review, and analyze financial records to make sure that companies, individuals, and government offices run efficiently, keep accurate records, and pay taxes properly and on time. Job opportunities should be favorable; accountants and auditors who have a professional certification, especially CPAs, should have the best prospects. Statewide, the projected employment in 2018 is 37,091.

Salary Range: \$44,847 - \$63,980



Cardiovascular Technologists and Technicians

Help physicians diagnose and treat cardiac (heart) and peripheral vascular (blood vessel) ailments. Technologists and technicians with multiple professional credentials, trained to perform a wide range of procedures, will have the best prospects. Statewide, the projected employment in 2018 is 1,610.

Salary Range: \$40,424 - \$55,524 (s)



Computer Software Engineers, Applications

Develop, create, and modify general computer applications software or specialized utility programs. Job prospects should be best for those with a bachelor's degree and relevant experience. Statewide, the projected employment in 2018 is 16,800.

Salary Range: \$67,110 - \$95,408



Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education

Teach basic academic, social, and other developmental skills to pupils in public or private elementary schools. Job prospects are best for teachers in high-demand fields, such as mathematics, science, and bilingual education, and in less desirable urban or rural school districts. Statewide, the projected employment in 2018 is 44,210.

Salary Range: \$36,343 - \$45,076



Network and Computer Systems Administrators

Install, configure, and support an organization's computer network, including local area network (LAN), wide area network (WAN), and Internet/intranet systems. Employment is expected to grow much faster than average, and job prospects should be excellent. Statewide, the projected employment in 2018 is 9,132.

Salary Range: \$56,512 - \$78,386



Network Systems and Data Communications Analysts

Analyze, design, test, and evaluate computer network systems, like local area networks (LAN), wide area networks (WAN), Internet, and intranet. Employment is expected to grow much faster than average, and job prospects should be excellent. Statewide, the projected employment in 2018 is 12,150.

Salary Range: \$48,390 - \$78,431



Physical Therapy Assistants

Assist physical therapists by providing treatment that helps patients move better, relieve pain, and prevent or lessen physical disabilities. Employment is expected to grow much faster than average because of increasing demand for physical therapy services. Statewide, the projected employment in 2018 is 2,930.

Salary Range: \$49,290 - \$60,429



Securities, Commodities, and Financial Services Sales Agents

Buy and sell securities like commodity futures, stocks, and bonds for clients at agreed-upon rates. Keen competition is expected as the number of applicants will continue to far exceed the number of job openings in this high-paying occupation. Statewide, the projected employment in 2018 is 7,013.

Salary Range: \$57,494 - \$95,938



Special Education Teachers, Preschool, Kindergarten, and Elementary School

Teach academic subjects and socially acceptable behavior to pre-school and elementary public and private school children who have disabilities. Job prospects should be excellent because many districts report problems finding adequate numbers of licensed special education teachers. Statewide, the projected employment in 2018 is 10,240.

Salary Range: \$33,775 - \$44,064 (s)



Surgical Technologists

Assist surgeons, registered nurses, or other surgical staff before, during, and after operations. Employment is expected to grow much faster than average. Job opportunities will be best for technologists who are certified and for those who are willing to relocate. Statewide, the projected employment in 2018 is 4,050.

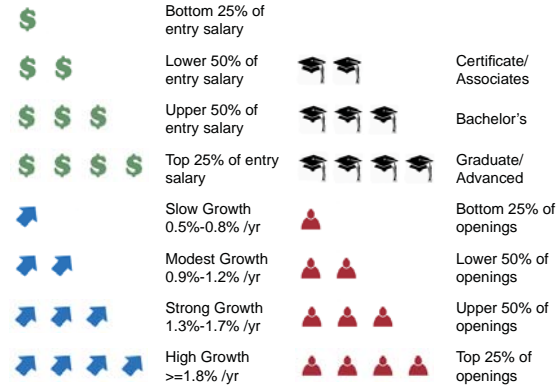
Salary Range: \$34,619 - \$41,101



What are Top Jobs?

There are many things to think about in looking for the right job, especially in these tough times. The jobs listed here consider three important factors: the projected growth rate of jobs, the projected total openings, and the historical change in the entry-level annual wage. The average of how each job ranks is based on these factors and is used to determine the score. The projected growth rate and total openings are based in the period between 2010 and 2018. The 2004 and 2009 entry-level wage for each job is used for the historical wage change. These jobs require education and training beyond high school.

Legend



Entry-level wage - Average of the lower 1/3 of annual wages paid.
Median-level wage - Midpoint annual wage; 50% are higher and 50% are lower.
Total openings - Total projected openings — growth and replacement — projected to 2018.
(s) Statewide value. Local data is unavailable. All other rankings are relative to the region.

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